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1. The Brno Zbrojovka concern is at present engaged in the production of the following small arms:
- a. Machine Pistol. This is a new machine pistol for use by infantry and parachute troops. It is reported to be a very fine weapon technically. It weighs approximately two kg. It takes various types of magazines, the normal one holding 30 rounds. It fires the normal parabellum cartridge. Some advanced samples have gone to the USSR. 50X1-HUM
- b. New Light Machine Guns. Experiments are in an advanced stage leading to the production of a new type of light machine gun of 7.5mm caliber which resembles an improved Bren Gun. It is to become a standard weapon of the Czech Army.
- c. Semi-Automatic Rifle. This rifle is described as an improvement on the USA M1 rifle. The magazine holds ten rounds and has been tested at temperatures of minus 40 Centigrade. It uses standard Czech 7.92mm (sic) rifle cartridges and is semi-automatic. The rifle weighs 4.25 kg. Its overall length is 1.2 meters. It is normally sighted to 2000 meters and can be used at longer range (sic) with a telescopic sight which is easily attachable. It should normally be cooled after 100 rounds of rapid fire. While on test it grew unpleasantly hot after 300 rounds rapid fire. Overall length of the cartridge is 83.87mm. The weapon, like the US M1, is gas operated. A cocking lever fitted on both sides of the weapon facilitates its use by a left-handed fire man. 50X1-HUM

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